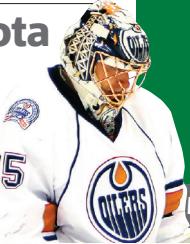


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Two men hurt in Whyte Ave. crash

COLLISION Police are seeking witnesses to a crash on Whyte Avenue yesterday morning that left two men seriously injured.

A Honda Civic was travelling eastbound on Whyte Avenue around 1:40 a.m., when it collided with a Nissan Altima heading northbound on 87 Street.

The 26-year-old man thrown from the Civic flew through the windshield, and sustained facial injuries, as well as trauma to the head and chest. The 23-year-old Nissan driver sustained chest injuries. Neither of the drivers were wearing seatbelts.

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Earth Hour

Earth Hour is Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 p.m. local time. Fight global warming by switching off your lights for an hour. Pick up Metro every day for environmentally friendly coverage all week.

- Going Green Canada aims to outdo itself this year, pg 8.



Riding the Recession

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to navigate your way through the recession.

- Canada Part one of a two-part series on how some businesses are beating the recession, pg 4



Richardson Family says farewell



Actor Liam Neeson, waving, and members of his family arrive for the funeral of his wife, actress Natasha Richardson, in Millbrook, N.Y., yesterday. Richardson died last Monday in New York City after suffering a brain injury while skiing at a Quebec resort.

Crime expert backs united Western front against gangs

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A local crime expert applauds a group of western Canadian justice officials who are ganging up on organized crime, in hopes of rewriting dusty pages of the criminal code.

Public safety officials from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba met Saturday, and agreed they're handicapped by archaic rules for wiretaps, time-served credits and bail decisions.

"Our laws are so outdated, organized criminals laugh at them," Grant MacEwan criminologist Bill Pitt told Metro yesterday. "We're going to wake up one day down the line, and everything we know is going to be corrupted by organized crime."

Removing two-for-one credit with respect to time served in remand tops the list of priorities.

"It's an absolute abomination," Pitt said. "People are riding out their time in there. Let's have a little bit of truth in sentencing."

A major concern for officials is that wiretap laws have not been updated since 1974, and that outdated regulation can hinder the process of approval by months.

United front efforts were assembled to inspire federal fast-tracking, according to Alberta Justice Minister Alison Redford said.

"Organized crime is highly techno-wise," Pitt said. "We're catching up, but we better catch up in a hurry."

Alberta water 'priceless'

Province urged to make water consumption a human right

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Alberta's government needs to make a splash in mixing water consumption with human rights, urged a small group of sign-carrying protesters who marched to the front steps of the legislature yesterday.

Twenty people marched through blowing snow yelling, "water is a right, not for oil" as they crossed the North Saskatchewan River through the High Level Bridge on the UN-designated International World Water Day.

"We cannot continue to use water the way we are using it now," said Edmonton-Strathcona NDP MLA Rachel Notley, who participated in the rally.

"We have to do better in the way we are managing our water resources."

The activists unveiled a declaration urging the province to make water consumption a human right since they believe Alberta's water is "public, protected and priceless."

The group will also begin collecting signatures for a petition, which they plan to introduce to the government this month.

"We have to make a

turnaround with how we use our water," said Angela Vardy of national activist group the Council of Canadians. "We need to put pressure on this government."

Notley says Alberta is at "ground zero" when it comes to water issues, especially after oilsands giant Suncor was slapped with 90 charges over dumping poorly treated sewage water into the Athabasca River last year.

The company and three of its contractors are also accused of providing misleading and false information to the province for two years at Suncor's work

camp near Fort McMurray.

Cases like this call for more government controls and systems in place to monitor industrial water consumption, said Notley, instead of making Alberta's industrial sector monitor themselves.

"We have asked the government a lot about (making water consumption) a human rights issue for a long time, and we will keep pushing," said Notley, adding Alberta is in danger of losing its precious resource.

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Pine beetle decimated by cold: Report

A new report from the Canadian Forest Service suggests frigid temperatures this winter have killed 90 per cent of the mountain pine beetles in northern Alberta. The bugs threatened roughly 60,000 square kilometres of pine forests in Alberta, the provincial government estimates. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



Charges laid in alleged knife attack

A 23-year-old man is facing charges after he allegedly accosted a pedestrian and a motorist with a knife on Friday night, close to the University of Alberta campus. Police say a man was allegedly seen carrying a 12-inch knife; he approached a motorist and chased a pedestrian near 114 Street and 87 Avenue sometime around 10:30 a.m. Ryan Christopher Verhaeghe has been charged with two counts of assault with a weapon, possession of a dangerous weapon and two breaches.

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News in brief



MISSING Police are still asking for the public's help in finding a man who hasn't been seen by his family since mid-January.

Robert Stauffer, 54, saw his doctor for a medical appointment on Jan. 24, but no one has heard from him since. Anyone with information about his whereabouts are asked to call the police at 780-423-4567.

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What's online today.

Immigration Guidy Mann details the hazards of overstaying a Canadian visa at metronews.ca/immigration

Lotteries

Friday, March 20: Lotto Super 7: 10, 23, 28, 29, 31, 32 & 46. Bonus 3. Saturday, March 21: Lotto 6/49: 14, 19, 34, 37, 39 & 42. Bonus 47. These results are not official.

Home show slowdown

MARISSA MIDDLETON
for Metro Edmonton



Thoughts of the recession weighed on the minds of some of the Edmontonians visiting the Home and Garden Show at Northlands AgriCom yesterday.

The event aims to provide people with inspiration, advice and assistance for all their home and garden projects.

It featured more than 500 vendors and exhibits showcasing the best and newest home and garden products, ranging from flooring and countertops to outdoor fountains and lawn tractors.

Show manager Terri Higgins believes attendance numbers for this year's event are on par with previous years, but won't know for sure until later in the week.

"Visitors to the show are) entertaining more at home, so they want to in-



Elisheza Ausfresser, 2, sits in a John Deere tractor at the Edmonton Home and Garden Show at the Agricentre.

crease the values of their homes and now is the time to do it," she said.

Visitor Dawn Wright was at the show to get ideas, and said that the recession

"You just want to be more cautious about how you're going to spend your money."

Dawn Wright

is on her mind when she is looking at products.

"You just want to be more cautious about how you're going to spend your money," she said. "It's much more shopping around and doing my homework to find out what I want to do."

Some vendors at the show, including a John Deere lawn-tractor dealer, noticed that people aren't in a hurry to make purchases this year.

"They're thinking about it more," said Glen Possberg, a sales representative for Martin Equipment LTD. "When times are better, they make quicker decisions."

Firefighters investigating two city blazes

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DAMAGE An abandoned home in the city's west end burned to the ground early yesterday morning and fire investigators are trying to determine what sparked the blaze.

Firefighters were called to the unoccupied home at 101 Street and 140 Avenue shortly after 5:30 a.m.

Flames were seen shooting out of the two-storey home before firefighters were able to contain the blaze sometime around 9 a.m. No tally has been made on the damages.

Firefighters, meanwhile, were also busy dealing with a vehicle that was found ablaze near 45 Street and 26 Avenue yesterday morning.

Fire investigators say the blaze may have been purposely set and damages have been pegged at \$25,000.

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Federal Minister of Defence Peter MacKay told reporters yesterday he is more interested in working with the Canadian military than becoming NATO's next secretary general, downplaying rumours that he may take that position. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

MacKay prefers Canadian Forces

Canada



Ignatieff courts Quebecers for Liberal votes

POLITICS With a mountain of work ahead to ready his bruised party for the next election, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is determined to steal the mantle from the Conservatives as the federalist alternative in Quebec.

The party is still sorely challenged organizationally, a fact Ignatieff himself acknowledges while assur-

ing his supporters that action to fix its electoral machine is underway — including getting advice from U.S. President Barack Obama's team on how to update the party's donor database. New candidates with star quality in the province are still missing in action, despite Ignatieff's months on the job.

But the 500 partisans

who filled the Laval Sheraton Hotel convention centre for the Quebec wing's general council meeting yesterday were greeted with a pointed message.

"There are a lot of voters who vote for the Bloc Québécois out of a sense of pride of being Quebecers," Ignatieff said. "It's to these people that I speak today."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto moves on electric cars

Toronto is joining a small group of forward-looking North American cities that want to speed up the introduction of electric cars on their streets and highways. Called Project Get Ready, the initiative was launched in February by the Rocky Mountain Institute, a Colorado-based think-tank co-founded by renowned energy consultant Amory Lovins. The project's founding cities include Raleigh, Indianapolis and Portland.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

POLITICS Canadians are losing their jobs at the rate of one every 30 seconds but Prime Minister Stephen Harper is incapable of feeling their pain, NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday in a Torstar News Service report. Layton said

Harper would rather talk about how the country is doing relatively well.

SUNCOR The Wall Street Journal reported yesterday that Suncor Energy could acquire Petro Canada in an all-stock deal as early as today.

WSJ.com cited sources close to the deal that said it would be worth \$15 billion, or a 30 per cent premium on the company's current share price. The deal would unite two of Canada's biggest petroleum producers.

METRO NEWS SERVICE

Video stores thrive

Vendors of at-home pursuits make cash despite downturn

Riding the Recession

Uncertain economic times have had a negative impact on just about everyone — except those who benefit from you staying at home.

Rogers Plus video stores haven't missed a beat with a declining economy.

"Despite the recession, business has been steady in comparison to the last year," said Harold Simons, manager of communications at Rogers Plus.

"We really have not been impacted yet because movies and video games are a great way to enter-

tain yourself at home."

That success even translates to alternative video stores, such as Excitements video in Halifax. The adult film store has also seen an up-tick in sales and rentals since the economy slid late last year.

"Sex just doesn't go away in a recession," said store manager Lindsay Allain. "You don't necessarily need a car. You can do away with that. But you're always going to need sex."

Those looking to brush up on culinary skills at home are helping prop up the bottom line of national grocery chains.

"Things are fairly stable in our business," said Michael Lupien of Sobeys. "We're not laying people

off. We are seeing an increase in sales in a lot of our prepared meals. People want value for their dollar, which means that they are cooking at home."

And what's unfortunate to some is a boon for others, as pawn shops are also seeing more people come in to sell high-end goods for a quick cash injection.

"We've seen about double the number of items come in due to the recession," said Mandy Motyer, a senior supervisor at Cash Canada Pawn Shop in Calgary. "A lot of people are coming in and telling us that they just lost their job and are looking to make some money somehow."

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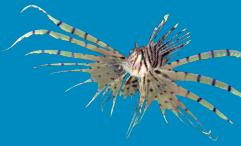
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Alberta Creating Opportunity

Darwin led good life as student

With someone to polish his shoes, make his bed and stoke the fire in his spacious rooms, Charles Darwin enjoyed the sort of pampered university life that today's debt-laden British students can only dream about, researchers have learned. **REUTERS**

World



Ocean toxin a threat

A nerve toxin produced by marine algae off California appears to affect creatures in the deep ocean, posing a greater threat than previously thought, U.S. researchers said yesterday. Surface blooms of the algae known as *Pseudo-nitzschia* can generate dangerously high levels of domoic acid, a neurotoxin blamed for bizarre bird attacks dramatized in Alfred Hitchcock's 1963 film *The Birds*. **REUTERS**

California gunman kills 3 police officers



Interim Oakland police Chief Howard Jordan speaks during a press conference announcing the shooting deaths of three Oakland, Calif., police officers on Saturday.

A man in Oakland, Calif., killed three police officers and wounded two others Saturday in two separate shootings that began with a traffic stop and ended with a gun battle, police said.

Lovelie Mixon, 26, was pulled over during a traffic stop in the early afternoon.

Mixon, who was wanted

for violating parole on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, opened fire on two officers, one of whom later died, and fled.

Officers found the suspect later that afternoon in an apartment.

When a Special Weapons and Tactics team forced their way in, he opened fire with an assault rifle, hitting three officers, two of whom died from the wounds, according to a statement by police in the San Francisco Bay area.

Mixon was killed in the gun fight, and the officer wounded in the traffic stop is in critical condition.

"I wouldn't wish this on any of my colleagues in the United States," acting

police Chief Howard Jordan told a news conference Saturday.

"This is very daunting for us, but we are very resilient. We are a big family and we rely on each other for support."

Since Oakland's police department was formed in 1867, 50 of its officers have died in the line of duty.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Plane crash leaves 17 dead in Montana

ROCKIES A single-engine plane, reported to be carrying children on a ski vacation to the Rocky Mountains, crashed on approach to an airport in western Montana yesterday, killing 17 people, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

A photograph taken by an eyewitness moments after the crash and broadcast on CNN showed a fireball blazing through a grove of trees near a cemetery a short distance from the Bert Mooney Airport in Butte, Mont., where the plane went down.

A reporter from the Montana Standard newspaper cited local emergency officials as saying the plane was carrying a group of young children en route to a ski vacation in Bozeman, Mont., southeast of the crash site and about 50 miles north of Yellowstone National Park.

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Resistance to bailout grows

OBAMA A public furor over big bonuses paid by firms bailed out with U.S. taxpayer money is fueling resistance to President Barack Obama's ambitious plans to extend government intervention in the U.S. private sector.

Republican opponents say his commitment of huge sums to try to revive the ailing economy is driven by a philosophical belief in greater government intrusion in many areas, dubbing it socialism.

As the enormous cost of Obama's effort to stimulate the economy grows, many are weighing just how far government should be extending its powers.

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The plane

- The plane was a single-engine turboprop Pilatus PC12.
- It crashed about 500 feet from the airport while attempting to land and burst into flames.

FAA spokesman Mike Ferguson put the preliminary death toll from the crash at 17 people. He said there was no indication of any survivors on the plane, nor of casualties on the ground.

Ferguson said authorities on the scene had reported to the FAA that a number of children were on the plane.

A Los Angeles-based FAA official said the plane had taken off from the northern California town of Oroville and crashed on final approach at the airport in Butte.

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"We're in the midst of a huge political battle."

Prof. Bruce Kogut

"We're in the midst of a huge political battle, which is being obscured behind a financial crisis," said Bruce Kogut, professor of ethics and corporate governance at Columbia University.

Obama administration officials have had to fend off accusations they were too easy on the financial industry after insurance giant AIG paid out millions of dollars in bonuses after accepting billions of dollars in taxpayer funds.

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Now entering the blogosphere

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Anne Hines



This morning I'm reflecting on what makes a life interesting. There's a reason for this. Recently, Dianne Rine-

hart, my editor-in-chief at Metro, asked if I'd write a blog to go with my column.

Now when an editor-in-chief asks, "Would you like to ..." I snap to and say, "How high?" Usually leading them to ask, "What do you mean? What's that got to do with filing your column on time?" And then I say, "Um ... it's like you asked me to jump and I ..." And they say, "I knew hiring a humour writer was trouble, I wonder if that woman who writes

about telling your fortune by reading bird droppings is still available." Something like that.

Anyway, this week I begin to blog. I'm willing to blog. I'm wanting to blog. I'm waiting to blog. The only thing keeping me from blogging is having no idea what the heck to blog about.

Not being a huge blog reader myself, I asked blog-savvy friends what one blogs about. Apparently, blogging is a chance to share all those

ordinary everyday thoughts and experiences that no one will sit and listen to us talk about, but are happy to spend hours reading online.

One friend suggested, "Anything can be interesting. What did you do this morning?"

Me: I spent 45 minutes trying to unglue teeth whitening strips from the paper backing, ending up having to pull 50 half unstuck strips out of my bangs. Is that a blog?

Her: That's a Twitter. You have to work up to that.

Another friend said, "Blog about how you're different. That's what's interesting."

Well, I'm a divorced, remarried lesbian living in a straight neighbourhood. One of my daughters is transsexual. I'm training to become a minister in a faith that traditionally would like to see my sort tarred and feathered.

But frankly, in my world, this is all old news.

And is it our differences that make our lives interesting? The most interesting thing my life experience has taught me is that we're really all the same. We all want to be loved. We all need hope. We all hope to be listened to.

I don't know if that's a blog or a Twitter. I do believe it's the truth.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Views

Top 10 ways to amuse yourself on ETS

InTransit

Brendan Van Alstine



I've been known to rant and rave about the inefficiencies of Edmonton Transit's routes, with their winding, circuitous and indirect nature, or how they sometimes sit and idle for ridiculous amounts of time at stops and transit centres.

But today I thought I would put a positive spin on things. So, without further ado, here are the top 10 ways to amuse yourself

while winding your way around on ETS.

10. Read a book or newspaper.

9. Start a conversation with a stranger. Sure, sometimes the drivers and patrons can be surly and unpleasant, but my experience has been that the unpleasant ones are the exception to the rule, and you can find yourself in some very interesting conversations if you give it a try.

8. Catch up on work or homework.

7. My best friend once told me years ago that her secret guilty form of entertainment while on the bus was to sit at the very back and pass gas — she would then amuse herself by

watching the faces of people sitting further forward as the odour wafted and giggle at their disgusted looks.

6. Read the vandalism on the bus. Seriously, what is it with kids these days and vandalizing buses with their Nexopia names?

5. Knit everyone on the bus a tuque — not only will you probably have enough time, but you'll have something warm to wear when you're freezing waiting for the next transfer.

4. Sit at the back of the bus and sing. I think it's a little odd idea myself, but a friend of mine insists it's a great way to entertain oneself — and a great idea if you like lots of personal space since the people

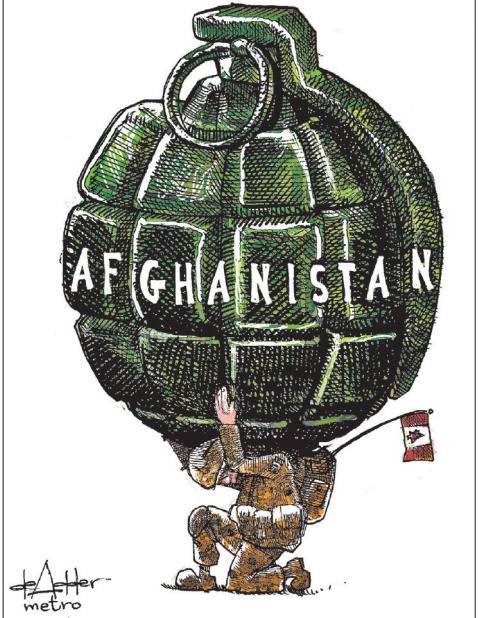
around you might get up and move away. Just be careful not to annoy the driver and get yourself kicked off the bus.

3. If singing on the bus isn't your thing, you could always enjoy listening to your CD or MP3 player.

2. Sleep — just be careful not to miss your stop. You should also be careful not to cuddle next to the person next to you or drool all over them ... most people dislike that.

1. Write a column on the top 10 ways to entertain yourself while riding the bus.

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Going Green

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It's more than just turning off lights

Canada and the rest of the world prepare for third annual Earth Hour

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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Earth Hour 2009 is almost upon us. What will you be doing and,

more importantly, why are you doing it?

On Saturday, March 28, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., we are asked to turn off all non-essential lights and other power-using devices for the third annual Earth Hour event.

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia. By last year, other countries had jumped on the bandwagon including Canada, where more than

150 cities signed up to participate, which is one of the highest participation rates in the world. The Toronto skyline dimmed noticeably and hydro usage dropped 8.7 per cent.

In Ottawa, they showed a four per cent decrease in hydro usage. In Halifax, the McDonald Bridge, city hall and Grand Parade Square all went dark.

This year, Earth Hour events are planned in many cities across Canada. These events include a free Earth Hour concert in Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto, a free concert and stargazing in Grand Parade square in Halifax with telescopes

available for use and free beverages (bring your own reusable mug), and a free concert in Vancouver at Junofest. For more information about these and other events, go to wwf.ca/earthhour.

This year, Canada looks poised to outdo its 2008 performance with more than 200 cities already signed up to participate. Canada currently ranks

No. 1 in the world in terms of cities signed up for Earth Hour with 208 cities. We are followed by Greece (185) and Australia (172). Lights on other major landmarks will be dimmed as Canadians vote with their light switches to show that cli-

"This year, Canada looks poised to outdo its 2008 performance with more than 200 cities already signed up to participate."

How to mark Earth Hour

Here are some ways you can observe Earth Hour: Go outside and look at the stars; gather your family or friends for a candle-lit dinner; have an acoustic music jam; make a list of ways you could reduce your energy consumption every hour of every day. For more ideas, see wwf.ca/earthhour/25_ways_to_mark_earth_hour_2009.cfm.

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because it's endorsed by celebrities, we like free concerts and lighting candles is fun anyway? Or are we willing to put resources into sustainable energy generation and into helping existing industries cut their carbon outputs? Meeting our Kyoto obligations is not going to be painless. Are we willing to deal with the pain?

Most importantly, are we willing to tell Ottawa that in spite of all our economic woes, we still care about climate change and about the environment and that we will not accept them turning their backs on it.

Or will we just turn the lights back on at 9:30 on March 28 and go about our lives?

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University; earthtones.metro@gmail.com.

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Get the entire family involved in Earth Hour

In support of Earth Hour, WWF-Canada and Sears Canada, a national sponsor of Earth Hour, present the Family Guide to Earth Hour, a series of tips and ideas to show Canadian parents that global change begins at home.

Make a plan: Use Earth Hour to discuss what your family can do year-round to take action for the planet. For ideas, visit TheGoodLife.wwf.ca.

Plant the seed: Help your children plant an indoor

spice garden. Not only is this a great way to produce homegrown herbs and add flavour to your meals, it also reduces food miles associated with buying food at a grocery store that may have been shipped from thousands of miles away.

Candle-lit games night: Get out the board games or play a game of flashlight

tag. Get the family gathered for some old-fashioned quality time to remind your children that games can be played without a computer or TV screen.

Take a tour: Explore your neighbourhood and travel around the city using fun and smart means of transportation — walk, bike, skateboard, scooter, or take the bus and

show your kids that travel can be fun and sometimes faster when you leave your car at home.

Smart shopping: Provide some hands-on education with a shopping trip that includes a list to start, so you stick to the purchases you need and let your children help find the smart alternatives like environmentally friendly cleaners, energy-saving light bulbs and recycled products — and don't forget to bring your reusable bag.

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Businesswomen push for Iraqi government's support

Irqi businesswomen urged the government Saturday to support them in their push for a greater share of the reconstruction business that is expected to flourish in Iraq now that the violence is subsiding. **REUTERS**

Business

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Focus shifts to water

Resource waning due to climate change: Forum

If water is now the kind of precious commodity that oil became in the 20th century, should delivery of clean water be the same sort of powerful political force as the environmental movement in an age of climate change?

And, in another sense of green, is there money to be made in a time of water scarcity?

The answer to both questions, according to environmental activists watching

Did you know?

- More than one billion people lack access to clean water worldwide.

ing a global forum on water, is yes.

The weeklong meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, ended yesterday on International World Water Day, an annual event that focuses attention on sustainable man-

agement of fresh water.

What was clear at this year's World Water Forum was the notion that clean water supplies are waning due to a warming world.

And according to the World Health Organization, there is a high return on investment in clean water projects: Every \$1 spent on water and sanitation can bring economic benefits averaging between \$7 and \$12.

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Company sues FDIC for \$13B

LAWSUIT Washington Mutual Inc., the failed U.S. savings and loan company, has sued the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for well over \$13 billion US in connection with the loss of its banking operations, which was acquired by JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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Italian jewellers see gloom in '09

INDUSTRY Italy's jewelry sector, the world's top exporter, will see more gloom this year with falling output and export sales, participants at a trade fair said Saturday.

The market share for Italian jewelry has shrunk since early 2000 as lower-cost rivals from India, China and Turkey advanced.

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Obama team predicts rebound

FORECAST The Obama administration is "incredibly confident" that the U.S. economy will rebound within a year, a top adviser said yesterday before a critical week in efforts to flesh out and sell the president's recovery agenda to the public.

"We will be seeing signs the economy is turning around," Christina Romer,

head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, told the Fox News Sunday program. **REUTERS**

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Jasey-Jay Anderson and Caroline Calve capped a big weekend for Canada at the final snowboard World Cup event of the season in Italy yesterday with gold and silver in the men's and women's parallel giant slalom, respectively. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Backstrom continues dominance over Oil

NHL RESULT

Oilers 0 Wild 3



THE SKINNY: The Wild ran their winning streak against the Oilers on home ice to 10 straight games thanks to a pair

of goals by Owen Nolan and a 31-save performance by Niklas Backstrom. The Oilers went 0-for-5 on the power play as they had a three-game winning streak end.

THE BIG PLAY: It was scoreless in the second period when Nolan got a handle on a loose puck in a scramble in Edmonton's goal

crease on a power play. Nolan tapped it past Dwayne Roloson to put Minnesota up 1-0 at 14:26.

HE OWNS THEM:

Backstrom has never lost to the Oilers at home. With this win, he upped his record to 10-0 with four shutouts against Edmonton at the Xcel Energy Center.

REDDOX OUT: Forward Liam Reddox sat this one out with a concussion after being blindsided by Ben Eager in Chicago Friday. Eager has been slapped with a three-game suspension by the NHL for the incident.

THE NEXT GAME: The Oilers host the Detroit Red Wings Tuesday. **ROBIN BROWNLIE/**
FOR METRO EDMONTON



Niklas Backstrom of the Wild makes a save against the Oilers yesterday. Backstrom improved his home record against Edmonton to 10-0.

What you need to know about

changes to registering for your Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

Twenty registry locations will improve access to health registration services for Albertans.

Beginning April 1, Albertans registering or making updates to their registration information can do so at participating Alberta registry agents. These agents do not have access to personal health information and provide registration services free of charge.

Visit any of these five locations in Edmonton:

Accusearch Inc. Licence and Registry Services
320 - 10205, 101 Street
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10310 G. A. MacDonald (39 A Ave)
780-989-6370

Alberta Motor Association*
5040 Manning Drive
780-989-6370

Monarch Registries
Main Floor, 11210 - 107 Avenue
780-422-0938

West-End Registries
10011 - 170 Street
780-483-8211

*Service at AMA locations requires AMA membership.

The list of locations providing these services throughout Alberta is available on-line at health.alberta.ca/health-care-insurance-plan.html. The list will be updated when more registry locations become available.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan forms can also be obtained at these registries or on-line at health.alberta.ca/health-care-insurance-plan.html and can be submitted at any registry office or by mail. For inquiries or information updates, please call 780-427-1432 or call toll-free by dialing 310-0000, then 780-427-1432.



Lumsden a natural in the sleigh

Eskimos running back Jesse Lumsden became a Canadian two-man bobsleigh champion with pilot Pierre Lueders Saturday in Whistler. Lueders and Lumsden clocked a two-run combined time of one minute, 44.73 seconds to finish in first. The football star trained all last week with the Canadian bobsleigh team as a cross-training exercise for the upcoming CFL season.

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ries. Edmonton is slated to host the next three games of the series tonight, Wednesday and on Friday in necessary.

"Now it's time to go home and try to hold serve," said Edmonton coach Steve Pleau, who commended his goalie Torrie Jung for making 54 saves to keep the Oil Kings in the game.

"He gives us all our energy. He gives us all our belief in what we do. When you've got a guy like that, it's fun to be at the rink."

Shayne Neigum notched a power-play goal in the second to give Edmonton a 1-0 lead before Kris Foucault scored for Calgary at 15:42 of the third to force overtime.

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Busch gets second NASCAR win of season

Kyle Busch led 378 of the 502 laps en route to his second win of the season at the Sprint Cup Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Roly the MVP goalie

It's called Old Man Power. Hall-of-fame pitcher **Nolan Ryan** showed some in 1993 when he slapped around **Robin Ventura**. **George Foreman** did likewise in 1994 when he knocked out **Michael Moorer** to win the IBF and WBC heavyweight boxing titles. **Dwayne Roloson** is doing the same thing now with the Edmonton Oilers.

The 39-year-old goaltender has defied his birth certificate by back-stopping the Oilers stretch drive charge to the playoffs.

A 5-4 shootout win in Chicago Friday was his 27th consecutive start, a stretch in which he'd fashioned a record of 13-8-6 with a 2.77 goals-against average.

Not as dramatic as when a 46-year-old Ryan pummeled Ventura after he charged the mound, or

when a 45-year-old Foreman, behind on the cards of all three judges, KO'd Moorer in the 10th round, but just as impressive.

Deemed by many observers an over-priced back-up to **Mathieu Garon** when this season began, Roloson has been Edmonton's MVP, hands down, as the Oilers have clawed back into post-season contention.

"He's an absolute warrior," said coach **Craig MacTavish**, who made it 28 straight starts for Roloson by giving him the nod against the Minnesota Wild at the Xcel Energy Center yesterday.

With 55 games in the books, Roloson is about to become the oldest goaltender in NHL history to appear in 60-or-more games in a single season.

Roloson is already one of just six stoppers to play in 60 games past the age of



Roloson

BUY ME SOME PEANUTS

As somebody who covered the Edmonton Trappers of the Pacific Coast League for six seasons, including two PCL championships, I've been to just two games since the Triple-A left town for the Northern League and, now, the Golden League.

A lot of that had to do with the user-unfriendly ownership of **Dan Orlich**, but I'll be back at Telus Field for opening day now that the Oilers have taken over. I have a feeling a lot of other people will be, too.

WHILE I'M AT IT

If the NHL wants to be taken seriously about eliminating head shots, then hits like the blindside, cheap shot that Chicago's **Ben Eager** delivered to **Liam Reddick** at the United Center Friday have to be answered with suspensions in the double digits, not three-game slaps on the wrist.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country; edmontonletters@metronews.ca.

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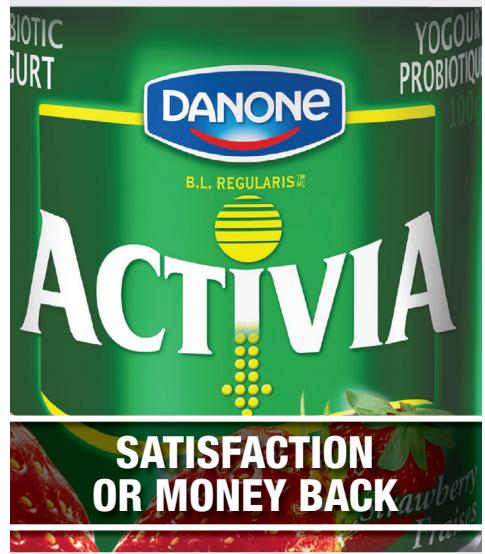
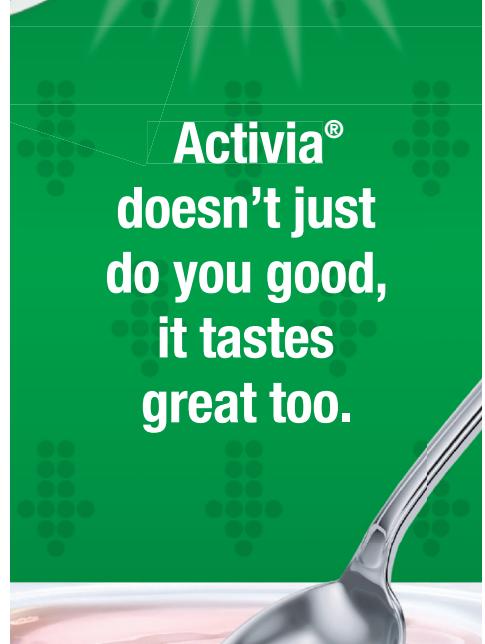
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Cage-free eggs at Brock

Brock University in Ontario's Niagara region has become the 12th post-secondary institution in Canada to adopt a cage-free egg purchasing policy. Brock announced its decision Wednesday, saying it is committed to serving 100 per cent cage-free eggs in all campus food facilities.

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Four Olympics and counting

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Architecture critics marvel at the look of the new Richmond Olympic Oval. But the speedskaters who whip around the corners and look up at the clock to

check their time only care about one thing: The ice.

And that's the responsibility of Mark Messer. He's the chief plant manager and ice and facility specialist for the Olympic Oval in Calgary, and is helping out at the new B.C. venue too.

The 48-year-old helped design some of the technical aspects of the new facility and will monitor the ice during next year's Olympics. It'll be his fourth Olympics — he spent 40 days straight in Turin in 2006.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Messer grew up in Calgary a mechanically minded kid. He did an apprenticeship as a heavy-duty mechanic but was laid off from his job in 1982 when the construction market dried up.

He was hired by the Saddledome when it opened in 1983 and learned on the job how to make ice for the Calgary Flames. He went to the Olympic Oval when it opened in 1987 and learned about speedskating.

Over the years, he took

courses on refrigeration and ice-making equipment. Five years ago, he got promoted into his current position.

"To be good at this job, you have to have an open mind, be creative and open to new things," says Messer. He's questioned some traditional ice-making techniques and his experiments have led to numerous new ways to make fast, clean, smooth ice for both speed skaters and hockey players (his facility has a long-track oval and two international

size rinks for hockey and short track skating).

He's learned, for instance, that highly purified water works best for long track skating, while water with minerals and impurities left in it leads to better short track skating.

These days, his job entails monitoring the ice by looking at computer reports from under-the-ice sensors, by checking it personally and talking to skaters and coaches. He adjusts the humidity in the building and works with his ice maintenance staff to achieve a smooth, fast surface.

He drives a Zamboni himself at least a few times a week, more lately in Richmond as he's been training staff there.

While he's an expert on ovals and loves being around speedskaters who strive to be the best, he's

The Lowdown

Job title: Ice specialist

Education/training: On-the-job learning, plus courses in refrigeration and building operations

Best Part of the Job: "When you see the joy in the athlete's faces when they get a personal best time or a world record and it's on our ice, the ice we made to get them there."

Worst Part of the Job: "The hours. I sometimes work 6 a.m. until midnight, and I'm always on call. I've got a family and I'm more and more away from home right now."

not a racer himself. He's more of a hockey guy and plays once a week.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

What you need to know about

intersection speed-violation enforcement

As of April 1, 2009, law enforcement agencies across Alberta may issue speed violation tickets using data from Intersection Safety Device Technology. Speeding tickets can be issued at all phases of the traffic signal. These devices will also continue to be used for red-light violations.

In 2007, 92 people were killed and 10,092 were injured in traffic collisions at intersections in Alberta. Many of these collisions involved speeding.

Intersection safety devices will be located at existing red-light camera locations. Future locations can also be established at signalized intersections that have a high number of collisions or high frequency of violations.

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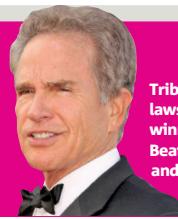
Hamilton laces them up again

After becoming the second contestant fired from this season's *Celebrity Apprentice*, Olympic champ Scott Hamilton announced this week he is returning to his day job: Ice skating. PEOPLE.COM

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Entertainment

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**Beatty sued**

Tribune Media Services has filed a lawsuit against Academy-award winning director and actor Warren Beatty to recover motion picture and television rights to comic strip character Dick Tracy. REUTERS

Making fun of the news

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Making fun of the news seems like a no-brainer. You need material? All you got to do is open a newspaper or switch on the TV.

But according to comic Colin Mochrie, it can be tricky sometimes.

"I remember after 9-11, for a long time it was hard to come up with a funny angle on that particular news item," says Mochrie, who was a cast member on *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* from 2001 until 2003. "We eventually did by focusing on the hysteria that resulted afterward."

"It was an odd time. I remember doing an improv tour, and you'd do a Bush joke and immediately lose

50 per cent of the audience. They'd boo."

Mochrie will return to the faux anchor desk this week as a guest on CBC's *The Hour*, delivering *The News*, the talk show's nightly look at the world of entertainment.

Comic Sean Cullen kicks off the guest anchoring tonight, followed by Mochrie (Tuesday), Gilson Lubin (Wednesday), and Nikki Payne (Thursday).

"We just thought it would be fun," says *The Hour* host George Stroumboulopoulos.

"One of the things we do on our show is make sure Canadian talent has a home. We only have two interview spots, so we thought — how can we get them on the show? Hey — let's get them to do the The



The Hour's George Stroumboulopoulos with Colin Mochrie.

News. Do what I do."

Stroumboulopoulos says his talk show, which combines interviews with headlines and commentary, can be funny. But don't go mistaking it for a comedy show.

"We can do observation, we can point out the obvious, we can make jokes, or

provide a nuanced look at something. But we're not a comedy show. But in there, if the audience finds something funny, that's great."

The host says he likes to change things up on his show and looks forward to what the comics bring to the table.

"We have our writers,

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The Hour's George Stroumboulopoulos

but they'll bring whatever they bring. We'll work on it with them. But no one needs to tell Sean Cullen or Colin Mochrie what to do."

Mochrie can't see himself doing nightly commentary on a show like *The Hour* or *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart.

"It's certainly a good way to get your point across," he says. "But it sounds like work to me. I'm lazy. I'd get on the computer to write and get distracted by solitaire."

The Hour airs Monday-Friday at 11 p.m. on CBC.

Box office

1 Knowing:

\$24.8 million US

2 I Love You, Man:

\$18 million

3 Duplicity:

\$14.4 million

4 Race to Witch Mountain:

\$13 million

5 Watchmen:

\$6.7 million

6 The Last House on the Left:

\$5.9 million

7 Taken:

\$4.1 million

8 Slumdog Millionaire:

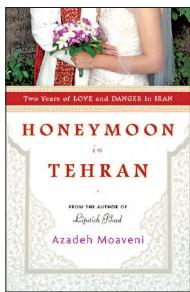
\$2.7 million

9 Madea Goes to Jail:

\$2.5 million

10 Coraline:

\$2.1 million REUTERS

BookPicks**Honeymoon in Tehran**

Author: Azadeh Moaveni
Publisher: Random House
Price: \$30 (Hardcover)

In this intimate memoir, journalist Azadeh Moaveni presents two very different faces of Iran. On the surface, she sees the fundamentalism in the stern ascension of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. But through her reporting, she meets a host of characters representing a progressive Iran, that express views against the country's oft-stereotyped class divisions. In a country she only meant to work in, Moaveni finds love, marriage and a family before being presented with whether to stay in a varying Iran or leave to protect her loved ones.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

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| | 3 | KHQ | - | 370 | News (N) | Be-Millionaire | Jeopardy! (N) | Chuck (HDTV) (N) | Heroes "Cold Snap" (N) | Medium | | |
| | 4 | CBXT | - | 307 | Coronation St. | Jeopardy! (N) | Little Mosque Sophie (N) | Comedy Fest | CBC News: The National | The Hour | | |
| | 6 | KREM | - | 372 | News (N) | Hollywood | The Doctors | Big Bang Th | How I Met | Two/Half Men | Engagement | CSI: Miami (N) |
| | 7 | CKEM | 241 | 347 | Law & Order: SVU | Man Tracker | Chuck (HDTV) (N) | Less-Kind | Friends | Your City | | |
| | 8 | CIVT | 240 | 339 | ET Canada | Entertainment | Heroes "Cold Snap" (N) | House "Joy" (HDTV) | 24 (HDTV PA) (N) | News Hour | | |
| | 11 | OMNI | - | Two/Half Men | The Simpsons | News | News | The Simpsons | King | Metropia | | |
| | 12 | CBXF7 | 119 | 705 | Virginie (SC) | La Petite Vie | L'Auberge du chien noir (SC) | Les Boys (SC) | Tout sur moi | Le Téléjournal et Les Nou | TJ Alberta | |
| | 13 | KXLY | - | 371 | 4 News at 6 | 4 News at 6:30 | Entertainment | The Insider (N) | Dancing With the Stars (HDTV) | Celebrities compete | Castle | |
| | 16 | KAYU | - | 373 | The Simpsons | Raymond | Two/Half Men | Two/Half Men | House "Joy" (HDTV) | 24 (HDTV PA) (N) | News (N) | |
| | 19 | CHTV | - | The Insider (N) | E! News | Snoop Father | Snoop Father | The Soup | How I Met | Till Death | Engagement | News (N) |
| | 22 | KSPS | - | 374 | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | 'Allo, 'Allo! | Antiques Roadshow | | | The Powder & the Glory (N) | | |
| | 24 | WTW | - | 364 | Except for Six | The Powder & the Glory (N) | Being Served | Tavis Smiley | Charlie Rose (N) | | | |
| | 15 | CBCN | 502 | - | CBC News: The National | Forced to Marry (N) | CBC News: The National | CBC News: The National | CBC News: The National | Forced-Marry | | |
| | 21 | TWN | 505 | 398 | (5) EarthWatch One | EarthWatch One | EarthWatch One | EarthWatch Two | | | | |
| | 23 | CNN | 500 | 300 | Larry King Live (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | | Larry King Live | Cooper 360 | | |
| | 54 | CTV1 | 501 | 391 | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | News | CTV Newsnet | News | | |
| | 70 | BNN | 504 | 508 | Squeeze Play | Market Call | Headline | Market Call | Berman's Call | Money Talks | Squeeze Play | |
| | 20 | TSN | 400 | 400 | NHL Hockey | NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Calgary Flames. (HDTV) (Live) | | | SportsCentre | UEFA Weekly | Poker | |
| | 23 | net | 408 | 418 | Sportsnet Con. | Baseball World Classic Final -- Teams TBA. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. | | | Sportsnet Con. | Sportsnet Con. | | |
| | 47 | SPEED | 417 | 406 | SuperCars | Barrett-Jackson | Car Crazy | Pass Time | This Week in NASCAR | SuperCars | | |
| | 94 | SCORE | 410 | 403 | (7:15) WWE Monday Night Raw | | (9:15) Score Tonight | | WWE Monday Night Raw | | | |
| | 9 | EDACC | 267 | 351 | Alberta Primetime (Live) | Castle (HDTV) (N) | Dancing With the Stars (HDTV) | Celebrities compete. | | | | |
| | 14 | YTV | 552 | 543 | Drake & Josh | iCarly | Karaoke Star Junior | Malcolm-Mid. | Futurama | League-Evil | Zixx Level | Falcon Beach |
| | 17 | TREE | 553 | 546 | Little Bear | Bucket-Dinos | Big Comfy | Big & Small | Babar | Backyardigans | Dora-Explorer | Go, Diego, Go! |
| | 42 | TOON | 555 | 545 | Ben 10 | Johnny Test | Totally Spies! | Total Drama | 6TEEN | Futurama | Punch | Robot Chicken |
| | 45 | FAM | 557 | 541 | Zoey 101 | Life Derek | Wizards-Place | Han. Montana | Zack & Cody | Latest Buzz | Wizards-Place | Ned's School |
| | - | TVA | 121 | 714 | TVA 18 heures | Le Cercle (SC) | Les Gags (SC) | Star Académie | Annie et ses hommes (N) (SC) | Dr. House (HDTV) (SC) | TVA 22 heures | |
| | 18 | CMT | 575 | 583 | Reba | Reba | Hope & Faith | Karaoke Star Junior | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Reba | |
| | 25 | A&E | 615 | 520 | Intervention "Sharon" | Paranormal State (N) | Paranormal | Paranormal | Intervention | | Intervention | |
| | 26 | MM | 571 | 581 | Don't Forget the Lyrics! | Don't Forget the Lyrics! | Where You At | Back In | Party of Five "All's Fair" | | Don't Forget | |
| | 29 | FOOD | 603 | 561 | Food Detective | Road Tasted | Hell's Kitchen | Chef School | Challenge | | | |
| | 31 | SHOW | 617 | 522 | Wife Swap | | The Outer Limits | Cashing In | Kink in Hair | Kenny-Spenny | Name Is Earl | |
| | 32 | DISC | 520 | 505 | Dirty Jobs | The Detonators (N) | Daily Planet | | Dirty Jobs | Detonator | | |
| | 33 | SLICE | 601 | 562 | Wedding SOS | Wedding SOS | Project Runway Canada | ET Canada | Til Debt-Part | Real Housewives OC | Trading Sp | |
| | 34 | W | 602 | 567 | Style by Jury | Style by Jury | Will & Grace | Friends | Kim | Love It or List It | Dollars-Sense | |
| | 35 | TLC | 521 | 560 | Jon & Kate | Table for 12 | Table for 12 | Little People | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Table for 12 | |
| | 36 | BRAVO | 620 | 523 | Saturday Night Divas (N) | Marie-José Simard & Friends | Law & Order "Bitch" | MANswers | Without a Trace | Hostile Waters | | |
| | 38 | SPACE | 628 | 584 | Training Day *** (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington, Scott Glenn, | | | | CSI: NY "On the Job" | Disorderly | | |
| | 40 | HIST | 522 | 506 | Sinking an Aircraft Carrier | NCIS "The Bone Yard" | Sea Hunters | | Hero Ships | Battle 360 | | |
| | 41 | COM | 626 | 547 | Laughs | Comedy Now | Air Force | Just for Laughs | The Simpsons | South Park | Comedy-Roast | |
| | 43 | SPACE | 627 | 528 | Lost "Adrift" | Sarah Connor Chronicles | Stargate SG-1 | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | Trek: Voyager | | |
| | 44 | WPCH | 294 | 650 | (6) Blade II (2002) | Steve Harvey | Seinfeld | Family Guy | Blade II *** (2002, Horror) | Ron Perlman | | |
| | 46 | OLN | 411 | 457 | Mantracker | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Survivorman | Mantracker | Bounty Hunter | | |
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| | 50 | STAR | 621 | 527 | Paris Hilton's British Friend | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | TMZ | etalk | The View Hot topics. | Ellen Show | | |
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| | 93 | VISION | 261 | 394 | McLeod's Daughters | Twist of Faith | Clergy | | Poltergeist: The Legacy | | | |
| | 100 | MTV | 581 | 566 | The Girls of Hedson Hall | Taking the Stage | MTV Live | After | The Girls of Hedson Hall | Taking, Stage | | |
| | 101 | MM | 570 | 580 | Shot at Love-Tila Tequila | MuchNews | Video on Trial | MuchVibe | Shot at Love-Tila Tequila | MuchTopTens | | |
| | 102 | CPAC | 512 | 596 | (6:30) Primetime Politics | Revue | Question Period | | Prime-Politics | Primetime Politics | | |
| | 103 | VIVA | 526 | 507 | Commander In Chief | Dollars-Sense | Lie Detective | Mediums | In Dreams | Judging Amy | Commander | |
| | 106 | RDI | 126 | 730 | Le Téléjournal (SC) | RDI en direct | Le National | Le Téléjournal (SC) | Le Journal RDI | Le National | Le Téléjournal | |

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Jonas Brothers singer Joe Jonas may be facing flak over a photo showing him slanting his eyes in what some speculate is an attempt to mock Asians. Fellow Disney star Miley Cyrus drew anger over a similar photo earlier this year. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Joe pulls a Miley

Celebrity Buzz

Sex tapes and the other woman?

PEOPLE Chris Brown cheated on Rihanna with a model, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The 19-year-old singer was having a relationship with 27-year-old model Natasha Ellie, the website says.

It has been claimed Natasha sent the three-page text message — initially reported to be from someone who Chris "had a previous sexual relationship with" — which sparked Chris and Rihanna's argument.

A source said: "Rihanna has been having problems with this girl for a long time. Rihanna even reached out to Natasha, but she denied everything."

Natasha may even have

been mentioned in the lyrics to Rihanna's song Emergency Room: "I was pickin' up your clothes in the closet/ I was bout' to throw your jeans in the washer/ 'Til I saw a piece of paper sayin' 'Tasha'/ I gotta say I found this a bit shockin'! And some receipts here that say you went shoppin'! You bought some Nike shoes/

But why you buyin' stockings? Boy how could you lie to me? I thought you would die for me/ I'm not accepting another apology."

The model's representative has denied the model had a relationship with Chris, but confirmed the pair met in Miami two years ago.

Meanwhile, rumours are flying that Rihanna and Chris Brown made a sex tape, femalefirst.co.uk adds.

The pair are said to have filmed themselves engaging in a series of

ter he took a call while she was in the same room.

A source said: "She told him it was rude for him to take a phone call in front of her ... Madonna agreed to let him answer the mo-

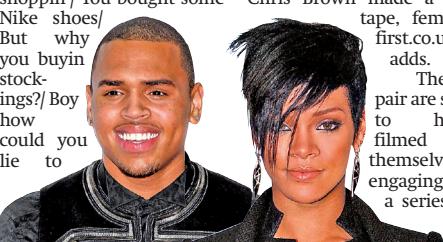
bile when she's around, but only in emergencies.

However, she doesn't follow her own rules: "If her phone rings and she wants to take the call, she'll do it. This is not a relationship of

Madonna orders cellphone ban?

DATING Madonna has banned her boyfriend from answering his phone in front of her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 50-year-old argued with lover Jesus Luz, 22, af-



"kinky" acts.

A source told Star magazine: "Chris and Rihanna enjoy an aggressive love life that would shock many people. Rihanna loves dressing up — including as a dominatrix — and role playing. They both have kinky sides."

The source added: "Rihanna has no issues with her sexuality. She can be really out there. But she'd be mortified if her friends and family found this out."

"Rihanna isn't always the little goody-two-shoes everyone thinks she is, and Chris doesn't want or need another scandal."

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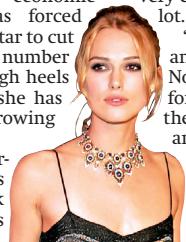
22-year-old is keen to revive her acting career by working with the Knocked Up actor, but is finding it hard to get in touch with him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

She told Nylon magazine: "We're trying to get Seth Rogen for this project, but Seth won't call us back. So call us back, Seth, if

very young and I suddenly started earning a bit of money and I could actually afford to buy shoes, I got very excited and bought a lot. I mean a lot!

"I haven't bought any in quite a while. Now I just rent them for the day. They give them to me for the day and I give them back in the evening, which is good."

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Keira's recession tip

SHOES Keira Knightley rents shoes to satisfy her footwear fetish, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The global economic downturn has forced The Duchess star to cut down on the number of designer high heels she buys, so she has started borrowing shoes instead.

The 23-year-old actress said: "I think when I was

you're reading this!

"I'm talking to lots of people. One is Sean Penn — I spoke to him again the other day."

If she struggles to land any roles, Lindsay added that she may pursue modelling.

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Lindsay's career revival stalls

CAREER Seth Rogen is refusing to return Lindsay Lohan's calls.

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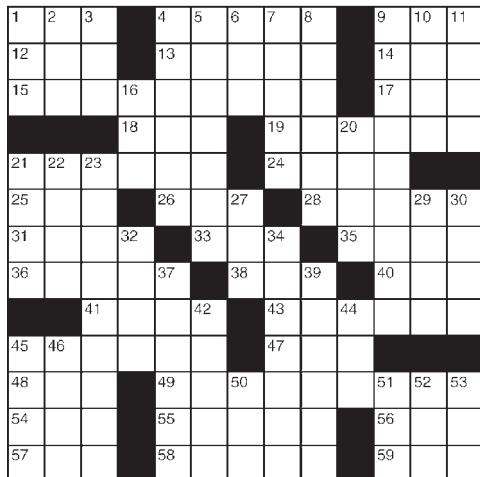


Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television

'My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes.'

WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Some time — open hand 47 Heavy weight
4 Aesopian story 25 Brazilian 48 Previous night
9 Brie resort 49 Card game for
12 Violinist's recluses?
need 26 Joke 54 In medias —
13 Forcefully 28 Lascivious 55 Foolish
14 Mine output 31 Right angles 56 Conventional
15 Lawyer, in the 33 Poorly lit 57 Wife's address
U.K. 35 Wear out 58 Lukewarm
17 Confederacy 36 Cut corners 59 Homer's
leader talk and talk neighbor
18 Opposite of 40 The Red or the Flanders
"trans—" Black 41 Dweeby type
21 Missing 43 Tenant 45 Maine city
24 Hit with an

Crossword down

1 Tummy muscles 27 Showbiz job
2 Sticky stuff 29 Genealogy chart
3 Pussycat's partner 30 Calendar quota
4 Up against 32 Urban blight
5 1839 mutiny site 34 007's quaff
6 Slugger's prop 37 "Cheers"
7 They have their pride 39 Started a computer
8 Sign up 42 Danish money
9 "Only the self exists" theory 44 — rampage
10 Sandwich cookie 45 Shoulder of a road
11 Hammerhead part 46 State with certainty
16 Capades locale 50 Stander's loss
20 Lacking slack 51 Hostel
21 War god 52 Regret
22 Swindle 53 This clue's place, aptly
23 Reliability enough

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

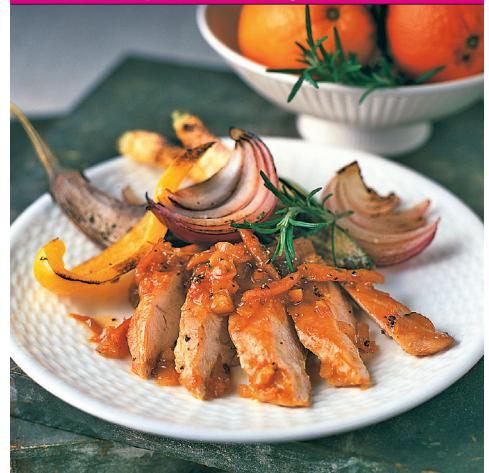


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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 minGenius 17-21 minSmart
13-17 minScholar 21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Skillet Chicken with Rosemary-Orange Sauce

CHICKEN INGREDIENTS:

2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt

SAUCE INGREDIENTS:

2 shallots
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) grated orange zest
1/2 tsp (2 ml) fresh rosemary, minced
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
2/3 cup (150 ml) orange juice
1 tbsp (15 ml) orange marmalade
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
1 tsp (5 ml) cornstarch blended with 1 tbsp (15 ml) water

on one side, about 5 minutes. Turn chicken and cook until golden brown and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Transfer to plate and cover loosely with foil.

2. Add shallots to pan and cook, stirring, until light golden, about 3 minutes. Stir in salt, orange zest, rosemary, pepper, orange juice and marmalade and boil. Stir in lemon juice. 3. Stir in cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring, until sauce is slightly thickened, about 1 minute. Slice chicken and serve with sauce spooned on top.

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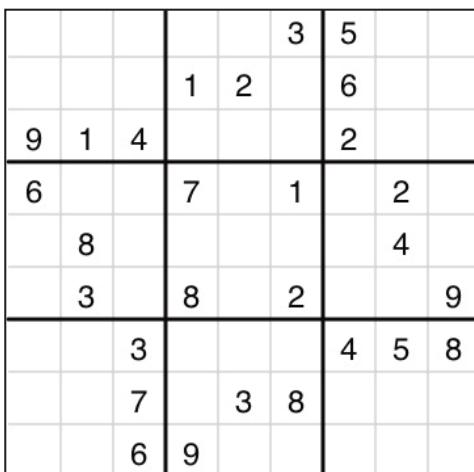
For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!



Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Be proactive when dealing with a simple issue. Everybody can understand a definite decision. A bit of luck is followed by a move.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

A big man wants to stay out of things. Solving a crime is up to you. A disappointed stranger gets in the way.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Be flexible if offered different job duties. A younger friend in a bad mood is tiresome. Toss out stale ideas when dealing with the public.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

A miserable man seeks your help. Save money by buying a sale item. Don't be friendly to someone's little ogre.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

You'll hear an astounding statement. A creative thinker rushes into a bad situation. Others are on your side if times get tough.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

Your convictions determine what you get. A man comes to perk everyone up. An excuse is discovered to be a lie.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

A friendship develops with a spectator. Unexpected info causes the fulfillment of a dream. A swindler comes to your rescue.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Good plans are disrupted by smugness. A motivated person will be punished after an oversight. Speak softly and people will listen.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

Scout around to find some good luck. A loan will be repaid. Asking questions will lead you to greater awareness.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Someone will turn heads at a meeting. Don't harass your relatives. Don't go to dangerous places.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Act fast to make your mark. Do not complain about a stranger. Someone bores you with banal chatter.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

Respond quickly when someone is asking for help. Family problems will generate a guilty look. A woman needs to talk things out.

This day in history

MARCH 23, 1775: American Revolutionary War: Patrick Henry delivers his famous speech: "Give me liberty or give me death."
MARCH 23, 1801: Czar Paul I of Russia is struck with a sword, then strangled, and finally trampled to death in his bedroom.
MARCH 23, 1919: In Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini founds his Fascist political movement.
MARCH 23, 1956: Pakistan becomes the first Islamic republic in the world.
MARCH 23, 2001: The Russian Mir space station is disposed of, breaking up in the atmosphere before falling into the southern Pacific Ocean near Fiji.

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BY TRICKY RICKY ZANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like **FAT CAT** and **DOUBLE TROUBLE**), and they will be in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Bashful Bangkok native (1)
2. Cart a shiny disco sphere (1)
3. Bare poser razzed the ump (1)
4. Party thrower for a phantom (1)
5. Radioactive element 88 ballpark (3)
6. Singer Janis's ribbed cotton fabrics (2)
7. Being worried about excessive perspiring (2)

ANSWER: 1. SINGAPORE 2. CHARIOT 3. UMPIRE 4. PHANTOM 5. POLONIUM 6. JANIS 7. HORROR

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